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PETROLEUM OUTPUT RISES

NEW TECHNIQUES EXPAND PRODUCTION -- Bakinskiy Rabochiy, No 91, 11 May 49

The lag of the "Buzovnyneft" (Buzovny Petroleum) Trust at the beginning of 1949 was attributed to depletion of petroleum deposits, to the absence of new reserves, etc. However, these theories have not been confirmed. Buzovny oil men have overcome the crisis and have sharply increased extraction of petroleum. Petroleum production in January 1949 was 100.3 percent of December production; in February it was 101.3 percent, in March 102.5 percent, and in April 104.6 percent.

The peculiarities of the Buzovny deposits were not adequately studied until recently. Because of this, utilization of many wells was delayed while the number of nonproducing wells increased from month to month. The State lost thousands of tons of petroleum, to say nothing of failing to realize on funds used for construction of these wells.

More than half of the wells drilled were not put to use. Thus, search for correct methods of utilizing and exploiting new wells was the most important and decisive task for our geologists, field engineers, and field workers. We learned how to put new drillings to use quickly, guaranteeing a smooth start of the well with the aid of small-diameter connecting pipes. This not only guaranteed continuous and extended operation of wells, but cut down on such serious complications as cave-ins. The simultaneous feeding of compressed air in the washer and trans-pipe spaces also gave good results. Fifteen wells, which previously could not be exploited, were put in operation by this method. As a result of technical improvements, the number of active wells was 20.6 percent higher in April 1949 than at the beginning of the year.

The first installation in the Soviet Union for purifying water occurring below the petroleum layer for the purpose of pumping the water in the layer was constructed at the Buzovny Trust with the aid of the Academy of Sciences Azerbaydzhan SSR.

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It was formerly thought that deep-pump exploitation in the "Buzovnyeft" Trust was premature, but actual practice has not borne this out. The first four deep-pump wells in the trust are working without the slightest trouble. The trust is now preparing 35 more wells for deep-pump exploitation. The use of small diameter air compressor pipes will bring even better results.

EMBA PETROLEUM WORKERS ACHIEVE SUCCESS -- Izvestiya, No 113, 15 May 49

During 1948 workers in the Emba petroleum fields in Kazakhstan exceeded the 1940 prewar level for petroleum extraction 19.7 percent and the 1947 level 6 percent. The 1948 production of petroleum derivatives was 21.5 percent higher than that of 1947. Savings of 9.8 million rubles were accumulated during 1948 by reducing production costs.

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